

STRONG OPPOSITION TO PARCELS POST

Rural Retailers Most Influential Class Arrayed Against Innovation.

Advocates Say Country Towns and Farmers Would Gain.

The amount of antagonism which has been stirred up by the parcels post proposal is causing remark. It now develops that there is an alliance of the express companies, the big associations of retail merchants of the country, and the American Protective Tariff League, in opposition to the establishment of a parcels post.

Postmaster General Meyer has been assured that the President is with him in his demand for the system. It is the opinion of the Postmaster General that no more defense need be made of the proposition than was required for the railroad when its introduction was first undertaken.

If quicker, better, and cheaper transportation was a good thing 100 years ago, and justified the great canal-building enterprises of that time, it ought to be good now. If it was a good thing sixty years ago, and justified railroad building in the face of much opposition among people who seriously feared it would disarrange business adjustments, it is a good thing now. That is about all the argument the Postmaster General thinks is necessary.

The advocates of the measure think most of the things urged against the parcels post are erroneous and misleading. They say that the express companies represent the most serious opposition that is really intelligent, though the rural retailers are much the most influential section. From all over the country petitions against the parcels post are pouring in upon Congress. A Representative who fully believes in the parcels post said there was no chance for the proposal in this Congress.

The express companies certainly seem justified in their opposition. It would practically destroy their business, which is immensely profitable. The experience of Continental and British countries is pointed to as evidence that the parcels post would not ruin the business of the country town, and likewise would not harm the farmer.

The advocates of parcels post say they are not going to hurry it. They expect it will take time, and they are willing to wait. The flood of protests that has come in from all sections proves how determined is the opposition at present. People who have studied somewhat the real workings of the system in other countries smile at many of the arguments that are presented in opposition.

Farmers especially are strong in petitioning against parcels post, and their petitions generally bring a smile to the faces of people who think they know that the farmer, of all men, has only one interest in the matter—and that interest is to secure the cheapest and best transportation for his goods to his door as possible, from all the world. Yet it is absolutely true, on the basis of the protests that have come in by the hundreds and thousands, that farmers are only second to the country merchants in conviction that the parcels post would be ruinous to the country.

In these circumstances it is not remarkable that advocates of the change do not anticipate early action.

EXCISE TAXES GAINED MORE THAN \$20,500,000

Commissioner Capers, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, in his annual report for the fiscal year, shows the income he collected to have been \$20,564,022.36, which is more than \$20,500,000 in excess of the receipts for the previous year.

If the receipts for the current year keep pace with the first three months of the period—an increase of \$2,872,067 being recorded—it is estimated that the aggregate receipts will amount to \$25,000,000. The collections for the last year were divided as follows: Distilled spirits, \$14,749,238; fermented liquors, \$5,546,110; and on tobacco, \$1,811,068.

HERBERT BUELL BUYS HOME THROUGH MOORE & HILL CO.

Herbert L. Buell has purchased the property located at 164 Park road, Mt. Pleasant. The house is one of a row of new colonial style, semi-detached residences. It contains ten rooms and three baths and is surrounded by a wide lawn. Mr. Buell will occupy the residence as his home.

The sale was made through the Moore & Hill Real Estate Company in connection with the office of R. E. Bradley. The consideration was not announced.

Ex-Jesuit Declared Sane; Beauty Who Pursues Him Is Threatened With Jail



MRS. EMILY F. DUNPHY,
Beautiful Woman Who Seeks Arrest of Frank Drugan as Insane, and Who Is in Turn Threatened With Arrest by Drugan's Lawyers.

Alienists Free Drugan After Several Days of Observation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Frank Drugan, the former Jesuit scholastic, who has instituted a \$100,000 damage suit against his first cousin, Mrs. Emily R. Dunphy, of Yonkers, has been declared sane by two eminent alienists.

The young man today will leave the sanitarium where he has been under observation for several days, and will resume his duties as associate editor of a widely circulated weekly.

The attorneys representing Mrs. Dunphy declare that, as soon as her cousin comes out of his hiding place, they will have him arrested as an incompetent. A detective will take him before Magistrate Corrigan, who, according to the usual procedure, will commit him to Bellevue for five days for observation.

"If Mrs. Dunphy's attorneys attempt to have our client arrested as incompetent," said one of Drugan's attorneys, "we will have Mrs. Dunphy locked up in the Ludlow Street Jail, Section 51 of the Code of Civil Procedure says that the defendant in an action for personal damages may be arrested at the option of the court. Because the defendant is a woman, we have refrained from taking this drastic action."

Mrs. Dunphy is in strict seclusion in her father's home on Hillcrest avenue, Yonkers, not only refusing to see her closest friends, but refusing to hold a telephone conversation with them.

SNOW FOR DEMOCRATS IN DENVER NEXT JULY

DENVER, Col., Dec. 18.—The general manager of the Moffat railroad, which runs through a region of eternal snow, announces that he will deliver a carload of snow at the Denver Auditorium daily during the session of the Democratic national convention here next July.

BREWERS AS ELEVATORS OF SALOON BUSINESS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 18.—Wisconsin brewers have declared themselves ready to do all in their power to elevate the saloon business of this State.

The State association already is on record as favoring the closing of "dive" saloons, and the local association now have passed resolutions taking a similar stand, and offering to co-operate with public officials in an endeavor to elevate the morals of the city as well as of saloons.

Local brewers also declared themselves in favor of closing the saloons from 1 o'clock to 5 or 6 o'clock in the morning.

POLICEMAN KILLS MOTHER; TRIES TO END OWN LIFE

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 18.—Policeman William A. Schwartz, while cleaning his revolver yesterday, accidentally killed his mother in the latter's home.

Overcome by remorse, Schwartz, when he realized what he had done, made desperate efforts to take his own life, but was prevented.

Cambridge Is Angry; Owen Wister Scores American Colleges

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 19.—Owen Wister's unvarnished statement that in scholarships this country is minus 100 per cent is the rudest shock this rather complacent center of learning has received in many years and the author is likely to be asked to prove his charge by something more than assertion.

The statement was made before a distinguished gathering of Harvard graduates and members of the faculty in Sanders Theater, where the meeting was held last night for the distribution of prizes and scholarships. The address by Mr. Wister, who is a Harvard graduate, class of '82, was a severe arraignment of American methods in her education. Of the forty-three leaders in the colleges and universities of the world, he said, only three were Americans and no American university possessed one single teacher of undisputed pre-eminence.

"Our balance of trade in food products for the year 1900 was \$44,000,000; our balance of trade in scholarship was minus 100 per cent," he said.

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It is the season of reunions and foregatherings, of meeting and parting.

The zest of travel is rife, for apart from the home-goings and social exchanges it is a holiday time for many and there are pleasant excursions to be made, where sightseeing has an added relish from the prevalent gaiety and good cheer.

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